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LEGISLATION

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1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL B, AMBASSADOR REVIEWED U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES IN DECEMBER 15 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR YOUSSEPH SYLLA, CABINET DIRECTOR IN SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTRY. AMBASSADOR LEFT AID MEMOIRE WHICH RECALLED HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION, ATTACHED FRENCH TEXT OF SECTION 116 OF REVISED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, AND EXPLAINED DEPARTMENT'S OBLIGATION TO PREPARE ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS ON SENEGAL AND OTHER RECIPIENTS OF U.S. SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BY JANUARY 31, 1978.

2. SYLLA RESPONDED WITH STATEMENT OF SENEGALESE SUPPORT FOR U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISM. HE CITED VARIOUS AFRICAN COUNTRIES (AMONG THEM, GUINEA, UGANDA, CONGO AND BENIN) AS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE OBJECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN. HE SAID MAJORITY OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS, WHICH IS REASON WHY AFRICAN GROUP IN
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONSISTENTLY REFUSES INDICTMENT OR INVESTIGATION OF ITS MEMBERS. MOST AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS FEEL THEIR TURN WILL BE NEXT, SYLLA SAID.

3. COMMENT: WITH POLITICKING IN FULL SWING FOR FEBRUARY MULTIPARTY ELECTIONS FOR LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, PRESIDENCY AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, SENEGALESE SEE THEMSELVES AS BEING FIRMLY ON

THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, AND THEY ARE
PLEASED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO MEASURE LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS
SITUATION AGAINST THAT EXISTING ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA AND
WORLD (AT LEAST FOR SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT HAVE TO
GO ON RECORD AS VOTING AGAINST AFRICA-WIDE CONSENSUS).

4. EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO SEE
1978 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT FOR SENEGAL PRIOR TO SUBMISSION
TO CONGRESS, AS ANTICIPATED REF B.
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